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TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Shortly after 8 a.m. on 22 April 1952, flying started at Finsterwalde airfield. Jet bombers and one or two B-25s circled the field. Between 8 a.m. and noon on 24 April, [] flying was conducted by jet bombers and B-25s. Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 29 April, there was local flying by two or three jet bombers. No flying was observed at the field from 30 April to 4 May. Between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 5 May, there was local flying by B-25s and two or three jet bombers. At 4:30 p.m., three type-27 and type-30 jet bombers were in front of the closed hangars. On 7 May, there was flying up to about noon during rainy weather. No flights were made on 8 May, although the weather was good. 25X1

2. Between 7:45 and 9 a.m. on 5 May, three jet bombers took off from the field. [] the planes landed at the field. Between 7:45 and 9 a.m. on 7 May, a jet bomber and a B-25 took off from the field. On 8 May, [] 6 jet bombers, 3 B-25s, 5 Pe-2s and 1 DC-3 were stationed at the field. Most of the planes were parked in front of the hangars. (1)

3. On 8 May, at least 20 trucks and 3 guns having barrels which pointed steeply upward were counted near a hangar. The vehicles and guns were permanently guarded. (2)

4. On 7 May, patrols were observed only in the western section of the field and, at night, also at the radio installation with four masts. 25X1

5. On 3 May, 10 railroad tank cars with petroleum moved to the field. (1) [] fuel dump with numerous large containers which were dug in was in the woods on the southeastern edge of the field. A spur track extended to the fuel dump. (4)

6. An officer wearing pilot insignia with silver wings was observed for the first 25X1 in Finsterwalde.

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8. Between 9 and 11 a.m. on 6 May, local flights were made by type-27 and type-30 jet bombers. [redacted] the aircraft took off in groups of two. During the same time, take-offs and landings were practiced by a biplane, a high-wing monoplane and a twin-engine plane with double rudder assembly. Between noon and 4 p.m., [redacted] air activity:

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<u>Take-Off</u>	<u>Landing</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>
1:16 p.m.	1:35 p.m.	2 type-27s
1:52 "	2:01 "	1 type-30
2:07 "	2:15 "	1 type-30
2:14 "	2:40 "	1 type-27

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Comments.

- (1) According to previous observations, most of the aircraft of the two bomber regiments are parked in the hangars. Because of this fact and restricted observation facilities at the field, the exact number of aircraft at the field could not be determined. According to previous reports, it must be assumed that the field is occupied by some B-25s and 10 to 12 jet bombers which are used for retraining. The present number of Pe-2s is not known. Previously, there were about 80 Pe-2s at the field. It is believed that numerous Pe-2s are still parked in the many hangars at the field. Almost no flying activity by Pe-2s was observed during the preceding weeks. It appears that the regiment is exclusively retraining on jet bombers.
- (2) The AA guns, probably heavy AA guns, were observed at this place for the first time on 15 April. [redacted] The guns were not yet replaced up to 8 May. As the arrival of the guns was not observed, it is unknown to which unit they are assigned. [redacted]
- (3) According to a previous report, seven railroad tank cars left for Finsterwalde on 3 May by order of the railroad tank car dispatch office in Berlin. [redacted]. It is believed that this shipment is identical with the one mentioned in this report.
- (4) This fuel dump is reported for the first time. Only the existence of a fuel dump on the edge of the field, north of the runway, is known.

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